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In re Application of:

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Filed: December 4, 2001

Examiner: Andres, J.

For: POLYPEPTIDE, CDNA ENCODING THE SAME, AND USE OF THEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002. The Examiner set a one month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a one-month extension of time, making the due date for response February 18, 2002.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect **Group I**, which includes claims 1, 2 and 10, for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect the polypeptide of **SEQ ID NO:7**. This election is also made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected invention of claims 3-9 and 10.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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